

# LOCAL OPTION PETITION.

To the Hon. Members of the Constitutional Convention:

WHEREAS, it seems right, reasonable and proper that a majority of the citizens in any community should have the right to decide in regard to the sale of intoxicating liquors within its bounds. And, whereas, the highest judicial authority of this State has declared that our present State Constitution does not allow such decision, therefore, we the undersigned citizens of Solano County, State of California, hereby respectfully petition the members of our State Constitutional Convention to insert an article in the Constitution to be presented to the people, giving them the power at every general election to vote for or against the granting of license for the sale of intoxicating liquors in any township, village, town, or ward of a city.

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J. W. Jones  
Geo. H. Hastings  
A. Perin  
James M. Laughlin  
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W. B. Money  
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L. D. Sanborn  
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Allen P. Sanborn  
E. M. Douse  
J. Fischer  
E. A. Randeret  
A. Sanborn  
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John Hoffman  
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F. H. Remyer  
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John Birmingham  
R. W. B. Way  
J. Akranus  
Henry Roberts  
J. L. Franklin  
H. A. Booth  
A. L. Roberts  
Isaac Roberts  
Lewis W<sup>m</sup> Kuhlman  
Thos. Ag. Fitzsimons  
J. C. Stone

Jeremiah W. Devitt  
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J. M. McArthur  
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Pittman

from certain cities  
of Solano County  
asking that the  
Constitution may be  
so amended as to  
permit of a local  
option law.

Wm. J. Pittman

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Memorial

Oct 10/98

Referred to Com.  
on Legislative

Department

Thornton

Ass. Sec.

Nov 11/98

Reported back  
with substitute  
Am. to 501

Thornton

Ass. Sec.

Hilborn

# MEMORIAL

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Your memorialists are of the opinion that a great portion of the more obstinate and painful moral disorders, that afflict the human family are engendered by the use of spirituous and intoxicating liquors; that the common use of such intoxicating liquors is not only destructive to health and happiness, but also impairs the faculties of the mind, and thereby tends equally to dishonor our character as a nation as well as to lower us in the scale of civilization.

Your memorialists have no doubt but that the presence of the plague or any other pestilential disorder which might sweep away thousands of our fellow citizens, would elicit the most strenuous and energetic efforts on the part of our government to subdue it, and to guard against its possible occurrence.

Your memorialist can discern no just reason why the more certain and distressing ravages of intoxicating liquors upon the lives and happiness

of our citizens, and the well-being and quiet of our community should not be guarded against with corresponding vigilance and anxiety by the present rulers of the United States, and more particularly by the present law-makers of our own fair State.

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Your memorialists have beheld with regret the hitherto feeble and ineffectual endeavors put forth to stop or impede this giant evil, and the proportionally barren results which have resulted therefrom.

They center their hopes, therefore, of an effectual remedy in the wisdom and power of your Honorable Body, and in behalf of our common humanity entreat of you, by all your obligations to protect the lives and comfort of our citizens, and by your regard for our national character, and respect for our land in the scale of intelligent and civilized beings, to impose such heavy duties on intoxicating liquors, or adopt such other remedial and preventive measures as shall in your sober judgment tend most efficiently to subdue and eradicate these evils.

Therefore, with an honest belief in the justice of our demand, and with a firm reliance in the honor, wisdom and sincerity of your Honorable Body, we humbly crave at your hands a prompt and impartial consideration of our request, and if possible, an ultimate exemption from this distressing evil.

22 Leach Beach  
 E. White  
 A. A. McParrott  
 Florence Felt  
 Mrs H. A. Eby  
 Emmeline Felt  
 Ida Gill  
 E. B. Tabler  
 C. H. Gornall  
 S. L. Stubbs  
 E. Felt  
 Lou Dow  
 Jennie Nestitt  
 Mary A. Brown  
 Lizzie Davis  
 Lou Felt  
 Jay Kellogg  
 Emory White  
 M. H. Kelby  
 Louie Campbell  
 Lillie E. Willsie  
 Kate Dorsey  
 Bert H. Willsie  
 George B. Dorsey  
 A. P. Campbell

E. W. VanDyke  
 C. E. Perrott  
 Thomas Roe  
 Frank Perrott  
 Emma Smith  
 L. R. Simmons  
 Mary D. Brown  
 Chas. E. Langdon  
 James Nestitt  
 J. T. Maner  
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 Ira Datz

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A. J. Pryor A. H. Bradford

Alvosi Walker J. R. Meade

H. A. Davis

Nelson Breese

G. C. Crighton

L. Marshall

Henry D.

James Fittinger

Wm. D. Colecord

Franklin Ellis

Wm. F. Rannels

J. W. W.

M. L. Howard

Samuel Paine

James Garaman

David Eby

S. H. Crabtree

James Hazzard

T. J. Newland

Albert Kust

Joe. Kull

C. A. E. Hertel

E. L. Kellogg

D. Greenish

A. M. Gill

A. B. Hamilton

Geo. A. Kellogg

P. Perry

H. A. Tyrell

S. H. Seach

Bm. Parker

Jacob Ackerson

M. Robinson

J. L. Eby

pay. Kellogg

J. J. Betts

Geo. W. Stone

Nice Johnson

E. Blount

D. W. Colcord

J. Frank Davis

Rhainville  
Township

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Josiah Bell  
E. DuBois  
John Gaer.  
James Paul  
Charles Savage  
C. E. Deach  
A. R. Lambert

John Flaherty  
C. H. Johnson  
J. H. Hansen  
Chas. Russell  
Thomas Benson  
George Bullwinkel  
C. A. Blank

H. D. Cantarus  
J. H. Wender  
W. J. Speely  
John Young  
J. J. Decker  
Robert Hunter  
Nat Campbell

Peter DeNau  
Fred Kider

Thomas Halpin  
John Hagan  
M. S. Wentworth  
Leon Calleyhan

Richard Lewis  
John Coyle  
Peter Johnson  
Thomas Fitch  
James Gerred  
J. S. Baker  
W. H. Waudesford  
A. S. Barker

~~H. C. Haugster~~  
Robt Phillips  
W. H. Thiers  
J. Kiler  
E. C. M. M. M.  
John Paul

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of our citizens, and the well-being and quiet of our community, should not be guarded against with corresponding vigilance and anxiety by the present rulers of the United States, and more particularly by the present law-makers of our own fair State.

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Your memorialists also believe that it is a grave defect in our present constitution in that it denies to the people of different counties, townships and districts the privilege of electing representatives to the Legislature, whether those members shall continue to exist in their midst and their attendant train of evil and vice, political, social

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"They center their hopes, therefore, of an effectual remedy, in the wisdom and power of your Honorable Body; and in behalf of our common and mutual interest of you, by all your obligations to protect the lives and comfort of our citizens, and by your regard for our national character and respect for our land in the scale of intelligent and civilized beings to impose such heavy duties on intoxicating liquors, or adopt such other remedial and protective measures as shall in your wise judgment best meet collectively to subvert and crush the traffic of  
 "Therefore we, as citizens of the State of New York, do solemnly and devoutly beseech your Honorable Body, we humbly crave, at your hands, a prompt and impartial consideration of our request, and if possible an ultimate exemption from this distressing evil.

J M Gay  
 D Briggs  
 H D Bendixen  
 John J. Fay  
 H. H. Cousins  
 N. Holm.  
 Peter Mathews  
 Otto Hansen  
 Am. H. Nickerson  
 Wm. Newton  
 J. P. Hendee  
 Athamar Hannah  
 Thomas A. Grahame  
 Kimball Hatch  
 Gil ar gl. Brown  
 Ira C. Shaw  
 S. Fay  
 Chas. Christensen  
 N. E. Cousins  
 John Rotermund  
 A. J. M. Donald  
 G. D. Marshall  
 Jesse Gibbels

Oly. Hanson  
 Matthew Delang  
 Charles Gearlang  
 Rosie Soule  
 Clara Soule  
 Emma Newton  
 May S. Roy  
 Nellie Nickerson  
 Bessie Brown  
 Nora Nickerson  
 Ellen Newton  
 Laura Newton  
 Christina Christensen  
 Mrs. S. P. Nickerson  
 Benj. H. Palm

Phoebe Fay  
 Nellie Fay  
 Mrs. Calahan  
 Abigail Newton  
 Mrs. L. Gandyard  
 Mrs. Ada Gandyard  
 Nettie Gandyard  
 Maggie  
 Sadie E. Mathews  
 Lillie E. Mathews  
 Agnes McDade  
 Emma Roy  
 Chris. Mc Donald  
 Lizzie Gearlang  
 Rosina M. Soule  
 Mrs. J. Markley  
 Hannibal L. Soule  
 James Brown  
 George Fay  
 Nahum Fay  
 Willie Nickerson  
 Grace Nickerson  
 Katie Nickerson

Star Haven

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Your memorialists have no doubt but that the presence of the liquor or any other pernicious element which might sweep away the elements of our future greatness would cause the same elements and corrupt the spirit of the people, and would tend to subvert it, and to guard against its possible occurrence.

Your memorialist can discern no just reason why the more certain and distressing ravages of intoxicating liquors upon the lives and happiness

of our citizens, and the well-being and quiet of our community should not be guarded against with corresponding vigilance and anxiety by the present rulers of the United States, and more particularly by the present law-makers of our own fair State.

Your memorialists beg leave to add further that in their belief the use of spirituous and intoxicating liquors is in any case whatever wholly unnecessary; that they neither fortify the body against the influences of heat or cold nor render labor more easy or more productive; and that there are many other articles of diet and drink which are not only perfectly safe and salutary, but in every way superior and preferable to intoxicating liquors for any of the purposes above mentioned.

Your memorialists also believe that it is a proper object of the present Legislature, in that it is the duty of the people of the State to secure the health and happiness of the people, and to guard against the ravages of the liquor and other pernicious elements which might sweep away the elements of our future greatness, and to guard against its possible occurrence.

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They center their hopes, therefore, of an effectual remedy in the wisdom and power of your Honorable Body, and in behalf of our common humanity earnestly of you, by all your obligations to protect the lives and interests of our citizens, and to guard against the ravages of the liquor and other pernicious elements which might sweep away the elements of our future greatness, and to guard against its possible occurrence.

Therefore, with a firm reliance on the honor, wisdom and sincerity of your Honorable Body, we humbly crave at your hands a prompt and impartial consideration of our request, and if possible, an ultimate exemption from this distressing evil.

J. A. Hoyle  
 E. Rutledge  
 Thomas W. Howell  
 Charlie Carlton  
 J. B. Casterlin  
 G. O. Johnson  
 H. J. Hansen  
 Joseph Tracy  
 Henry D. Davis  
 James E. Carlton  
 Gasper Anderson  
 M. A. Breckenridge

Hydswill

Sept. 26. 1850

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The purpose of the House of Representatives is to  
the fact that it is the duty of the House of Representatives  
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people by the enactment of wise and just laws,  
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Your memorialists have no doubt but that the presence of the plague, or any other pestilential disorder which might sweep away thousands of our fellow citizens, would elicit the most generous and energetic efforts on the part of our citizens to combat it and to place ourselves in a position to meet it.

Four counter-arguments are offered to explain why the more certain and consistent coverage of intoxicating liquors upon the lives and happiness

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Your memorialists also believe that the major defect in our present constitution is that it is not to the people. It is a document which is not theirs and which they do not understand. It is a document which is not theirs and which they do not understand. It is a document which is not theirs and which they do not understand.

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was condemned by the Court and would have the  
 limited election held under the provisions of  
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Thereafter, they center their hopes, therefore, of an effective remedy, in the wisdom and power of your Honorable Body; and in behalf of our common humanity, entreat of you, by all your obligations, to protect the lives and comfort of our citizens, and by your regard for our national character and respect for our basic law, to see that no individual is denied the right to life, liberty and property without due process of law, and that no individual is denied the equal protection of the laws.

"Members who with an honest heart in the past  
have of me demanded, and with a deep conviction of  
the justness and necessity of your Government  
the State was the cause, at your hands,  
pragmatically and partial consideration of our re-  
quest, and if possible an ultimate exemption  
from this distressing evil.

Joseph Roberts

Matthew Simpson

Denton Dahle

H. J. Simpson

W. B. Simpson

William Farrier

Geo. H. Virgley.

M. Van Duzer

CC Subrange

Isaac Henry Leav Dyer

H. E. von Jäger

Mrs. Cassell & Family

James B. Basse

Brook

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Your memorialists have no doubt but that the severity of the struggle of any other generation, however strong, would never have been possible if our fathers, instead of the present generation, were not struggling with the use of spirituous and intoxicating liquors.

Your memorialists can discern no just reason why the more certain and distressing ravages of intoxicating liquors upon the lives and happiness

of our race should not be stopped, and the use of spirituous and intoxicating liquors be prohibited by the present rulers of the Commonwealth, and more particularly by the present law-makers of our own fair State.

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as was evidenced by the fact that, out of one hundred signatures sent under the provisions of the act of March 1st, 1874, only one was in opposition to it, and a half dozen. We therefore commend it to your consideration.

Your memorialists have believed with respect to the hitherto feeble and ineffectual endeavors put forth to stop or impede this great evil, and the proportionally barren results which have resulted therefrom.

They center their hopes, therefore, of an effectual remedy in the wisdom and power of your Honorable Body, and in behalf of our common humanity entreat of you, by all your deliberations to give to the cause of prohibition of our people, and to the cause of civilization, the most efficient and successful aid possible.

There is, with us, no doubt but that the wisdom and power of your Honorable Body, we humbly crave at your hands a prompt and impartial consideration of our request, and if possible, an ultimate exemption from this distressing evil.

Names

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J. W. Call  
J. Jackson  
G. F. Schmidt  
D. Verbalin  
R. S. Wilson  
H. B. Freeman  
Jacob Criss



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and implore your assistance.

Therefore, with an anxious desire to the President of the United States, and with a firm reliance on the wisdom, wisdom and clemency of your Honorable Body, we humbly crave at your hands a prompt and impartial consideration of our request, and if possible, an ultimate exemption from this distressing evil.

*Erwin*

H. A. Alford.  
William Taylor  
Oren Mills



Amelia Township

The people of the State of Ohio are entitled to the fact that it is the duty of the present Convention to promote the welfare of our people by the enactment of wise and just laws, and to advance their common interests by the encouragement of every legitimate, and the suppression of every pernicious traffic.

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Therefore, with an intense belief in the justice of our demand, and with a true reverence to the honor, wisdom and sincerity of your Honorable Body, we humbly crave, at your hands, a prompt and impartial consideration of our request, and if possible an ultimate exemption from this distressing evil.

D. O. Allen  
L. B. Kingsbury  
Hugh Maxwell  
Alex. Cookson  
W. C. Stewart  
T. S. Thomas  
Ada Alexander  
Bertha Howard  
H. L. Hicks  
Mary L. M. Darned  
J. E. Barnard  
Mrs. J. E. Barnard  
Louis T. Carr  
Charles A. Peterson  
C. L. Heedman  
M. A. Carr  
R. Taylor  
B. F. Asgove  
G. H. Cabanes  
W. T. Bonstedt  
C. M. L. Howard

Mrs. C. E. Bigelow  
J. Bigelow

The County

Chancellor

Memorial

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*James P. Anderson*  
*J. M. Light*  
*A. W. Gert*  
*John. T. Andersen*

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E. C. Taylor

B. Adams

~~W. H. Spring~~

C. K. Jackson

M. A. Stokes

E. H. Minor

H. C. Minor

A. J. Cave

J. J. Armstrong

J. H. Stern

M. E. Stanislawsky

E. A. Nelson

J. E. Stokes

A. Nelson

William Spring

Lynn W. Spring

~~W. H. Spring~~

N. A. Falk

O. D. Stern

Geo. D. Stern

J. A. Stern

E. E. Skinner

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# PETITION

To the Hon. the Constitutional Convention, of the State of California.

We, the undersigned, respectfully petition your honorable body to insert in the new Constitution of this State, a clause similar to that now in force in the State of Texas, to-wit:

SECTION — "The Legislature shall, at its first session enact a law whereby the qualified voters of any county, voting precinct, town, or city, by a majority vote, from time to time, may determine whether the sale of intoxicating liquors shall be prohibited within the prescribed limits."

NAMES OF MALES Of 21 years of age and over.	NAMES OF FEMALES Of 18 years of age and over.	NAMES OF PERSONS Under 21 and over 16 years of age
J. B. Kneeland	Mrs. C. Clark	Natie Hill
A. H. Leaves	Mrs. A. B. Kneeland	Medora Barter
J. H. Wisner	Mrs. J. A. Barter	George Souash
J. Barter	S. A. Kneeland	J. A. Kneeland
J. A. Kneeland	Mrs. J. A. Barter	Miss Anna Edracey
John Barter	Mrs. O. P. Pike	Natie Long
E. Pike	Chas. M. Lewis	Maggie Long
Chas. Kemp	Mrs. M. Sammons	James Hill
Frank Deuel	Mrs. C. W. Liscorn	Willie Kemp
John Deuel	Ed. Stone	Elmer Trask
John Sammons	Miss J. C. Stone	Geo. H. Stone
J. Souash	Wm. D. J. Greenwald	
R. B. Come	Mrs. B. Sammons	
J. S. Seely	Mrs. J. Long	
C. P. Faler	Mrs. Come	
A. Trask	Louisa Dodge	

I hereby certify that the names attached to the above petition are genuine.

Dated at Arcata, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1878.

Humboldt Co. Cal. Signed, J. A. Kneeland

Judge Naomi Hardy  
 W. P. Brewster  
 Mary Hill  
 A. Kemp  
 Mrs. H. H. Thayer  
 E. B. Andee  
 Mrs. J. A. Sammons  
 W. Ballard  
 Mary Panson  
 H. Renford  
 Angella Nelson  
 Neal Hill  
 Mrs. L. B. Dilla  
 A. V. D. M.  
 Mrs. A. Dodge



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Humboldt Co Cal Signed, J. A. Hummel

W. Dodge Naomi Hardy  
 N. P. Brewster Mary Hill  
 A. Kemp Mrs. H. H. Thompson  
 G. Handley Mrs. J. P. Kemp  
 W. Bellard Mary Panson  
 H. Renford Maryanna Nelson  
 Neal White Mrs. L. B. Dilla  
 J. J. Dilla Mrs. A. Dodge  
 A. Brown Mrs. Liza Dodge  
 M. H. Thompson  
 R. C. Brown  
 S. W. Dodge

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Of 21 years of age and over.

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Of 18 years of age and over.

NAMES OF PERSONS  
Under 21 and over 16 years of age.

Socrates J. Rizer

W. A. Cowan

W. Kelly

Jerry O'Brien

Julius D. Dwyer

J. W. Smith

W. Hays

John P. Murphy

Edward Boyle

Charles A. O'Connell

John Melville

J. O. Roarke

L. B. Tarkenton

W. H. Wheeler

D. P. J. Herring



Petition

Relative to Local  
Opinion

For the use of  
Referred  
to be an Educator

Thomson  
and Secy

On motion of J. P. West  
was referred to Com  
on City Council & Town-  
ship organization

E. Smith  
as Secy

E. O. Smith  
of Santa Clara

To the constitutional convention  
 We respectfully represent, that we have  
 a right, to be by law protected, ~~from~~  
 life, person and property, from intemperance,  
 our lives are in danger, property is  
 stolen and destroyed in consequence of  
 whiskey, and our taxes doubled. Snare  
 are set thick all over our land to  
 draw our sons and daughters from  
 virtue to vice, from plenty to poverty  
 and from honor to degradation.  
 We demand that the convention shall  
 "lead us not into temptation, but  
 deliver us from evil" of intemperance  
Give us a local option law

ladies name Jos C Matthews

M O Dougherty	R. H. Freeman
E C Robertson	R. H. Gerson
B. Jones	Wesley
E. Virgin	M. G. Settle
J. G. Jones	H. G. G. G. G.
E. H. North	R. G. G. G.
W. G. G. G.	E. G. G. G.
E. H. Reeves	W. B. W. G. G.
H. H. Baldwin	G. G. G. G.
Mary M. Holt	W. G. G. G.
Minnie Caldwell	J. G. G. G.
E. G. G. G.	M. G. G. G.
Daniel G. G.	H. G. G. G.

R. H. G. G.	J. G. G. G.
Sophronia Campbell	John G. G. G.
M. G. Caldwell	Charles G. G.
E. G. G. G.	Daniel W. G. G.
E. A. G. G.	G. G. G. G.
E. G. G. G.	M. G. G. G.
Alice G. G.	W. G. G. G.
Helen G. G.	M. G. G. G.
Charles G. G.	G. G. G. G.

J. G. Goring  
 Eva H. Koth  
 Margaret Higgins  
 Ella Ruess  
 Kath. Baldwin  
 Mary M. Holt  
 Minnie Caldwell  
 E. G. Scott  
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 Wm. Wright  
 A. Morbo

R. H. Potter  
 Sophronia Campbell  
 M. E. Caldwell  
 E. J. Pierce  
 L. A. Trueman  
 E. L. Pierce  
 Alice Millard  
 Helen Shroder  
 Charles Shroder  
 Laura Boardlee  
 L. M. Boardlee  
 Zora Danks  
 M. A. Shorey  
 C. W. Bishop  
 Ada P. Goodwin  
 L. A. Wign  
 M. A. Holdridge  
 M. C. Shroder  
 E. M. Tucker  
 S. J. Morrow  
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J. F. Kisser  
 John Shelton  
 Charles Hoag  
 Daniel W. Bates  
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 M. M. Kincaid  
 W. C. Martin  
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 Geo. Ott.  
 John Casey  
 N. Boardlee  
 G. P. Yancey  
 Wm. Newton  
 J. B. Shroder  
 B. Hayes  
 Ella Dear  
 J. B. Munsie  
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 Martha J. Case  
 Frances Desmundo  
 Sarah H. Case  
 Charlotte Harter  
 E. M. Montague  
 M. H. Veil  
 M. E. Bohannon

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 Otamus Wright  
 Larue Starr  
 Julian P. Wright  
 R. R. Wright

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W E Howard

Dear friend I send you a few  
names of persons in favor of peace  
the war of intemperence against the  
peace and happiness of mankind has  
continued long enough let us have peace  
(I had signed another petition)

George Wright

F. Houghton  
M. C. Shrode  
D. W. Settle  
K. Brown

J. C. Hannon  
Perry Malone  
J. H. Smith  
B. S. Bryant  
John Bahaman  
J. Forbes  
S. Wifield  
Jesse J. Bryant  
John Jones  
J. Moffatt  
D. S. Shrode  
K. R. Bynum  
M. S. Jett  
J. Harrison  
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Frank Strunk



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We humbly pray that you will insert a clause in the <sup>amended</sup> constitution enabling the Legislature to enact a law similar to the law passed in March 1874 and known as the "Local Option Law" and such other laws as will tend to diminish the use of intoxicating liquors in this state

by line after word "by" read enable the Legislature to, likewise in section 9th after word to, read enable the Legislature to)

Stuart Foster  
 V. Foster  
 O. C. Kattabough  
 H. Hutcherson  
 Ed. Bieper  
 D. L. Simpson  
 A. L. Connor  
 John Porter  
 M. A. Kessner  
 R. Shaver  
 Carrie E. Hurst  
 John Hurst  
 Joseph Bailey  
 Elijah Shaver  
 B. Brown  
 Gra B. Thomson  
 Jessie B. Thomson  
 F. H. Robinson  
 Chas. Smith  
 P. M. Meserve M. D.

William Spring  
 N. V. Spring  
 John M. Orme  
 J. W. Skinner  
 R. H. Skinner  
 E. E. Skinner  
 Wm. Bokall  
 A. J. Bontelle  
 Joseph Singery  
 H. B. Shaver  
 H. W. Marsh  
 Mrs. H. W. Marsh  
 Wm. Odenheimer  
 Geo. C. Clark  
 Charles Muehlberg  
 John Foster  
 Geo. Hopkins  
 C. M. Wilson  
 M. W. Fickley  
 E. Sharp  
 W. J. Herrick  
 James Manning  
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J. B. Hawley  
W. B. Patten  
Saml. P. Wadley

J. B. Mastick  
H. S. Thurston  
H. P. P. P.  
E. P. P. P.  
W. P. P. P.

Angus Christensen  
Camp Allorpp  
J. E. Richards  
H. P. P. P.  
J. P. P. P.  
J. P. P. P.  
J. P. P. P.  
Rider Somers Leo  
Geo. H. Morton

I hereby certify that the names attached to the above petition are genuine.

Dated at 128 Stewart St this Saturday of 7<sup>th</sup> Sept 1878.

Signed, R. Pennell

Thos. M. Kibben  
Geo. Middleton + Geo. W. Adams  
Eben. F. Allen  
Hon. A. B. B. B.  
W. E. E. E.  
Alfred E. E.  
J. P. E. E.  
O. A. E. E.  
Simon Hackley + J. P. E. E.  
W. H. E. E.  
W. H. E. E.  
George E. E.



Metton

Oct 31. /8

Read referred to  
Com on Legislative  
Department

Thomson  
as Sec

Nov 18. /8

Reported back with  
the recommendation  
that no further action  
be taken thereon

Thomson  
as Sec

Hayer

# 2 Memorial Accompanying Local Option Petition.

*To the President and Members of the Constitutional Convention:*

On behalf of the Petition accompanying this Memorial, transmitted herewith, your memorialists would most respectfully represent that the proposition embodied in the prayer of your petitioners, to wit: "The Legislature shall, at its first session, enact a law whereby the qualified voters of any county, voting precinct, town or city, by a majority vote, from time to time, may determine whether the sale of intoxicating liquors shall be prohibited within the prescribed limits," is identical with a clause presented by the Constitutional Convention of the State of Texas, and ratified by the people of that great commonwealth.

The proposition presented raises but a single issue before your honorable body, to wit: The expediency of the local prohibition of the traffic in intoxicating liquors. In this statement we assume that the inherent right of the people to regulate or to prohibit by law, the said traffic, will not be denied. The principle which commends the proposition brought before you by this petition is, that it refers the question of the expediency of prohibiting the traffic in intoxicating liquors to the people. This principle is in consonance with the very genius of republican institutions. The people of separate localities should have the right to determine for themselves, as to whether the sale of intoxicating drink is inimical to the best interests of their respective communities. This application of the principle of local sovereignty is not new, but extends already to other questions of local character. We assume that those citizens interested in the sale of intoxicating beverages, cannot reasonably object to the adoption of this proposition. No good citizen will demand protection in the right to engage in a business which, in the judgment of a majority of his neighbors, is demoralizing to the neighborhood; and if the traffic in liquors is not destructive of the morals and good order of a community, these separate communities may safely be trusted with such determination of the question as the facts warrant. In the opinion of your memorialists, any opposition to the proposition on the part of those engaged in the traffic in liquors, must be based upon the ground, that should the proposition be incorporated into the Constitution, many communities would decide against the continuation of the traffic. This is in effect an admission that in all such communities, the traffic is now carried on against the enlightened judgment and moral conscience of a majority of the people resident in such communities. The proposition herewith presented, if adopted, would relegate the whole question to the arbitration of the ballot box; and representing those who entertain the opinion that the traffic in intoxicating drinks is destructive of the best and highest interests of the commonwealth, we cheerfully submit the grave question involved to this high arbitrament. To deny the prayer of this petition will, in the opinion of your petitioners, be in effect a denial of a sacred right. The right to determine what is necessary and appropriate to accomplish the ends of government, establish order, and promote the general welfare of society, resides in the people, and all we ask is, that this right shall be recognized in the determination of the issues arising out of contending opinions concerning the character and moral tendencies of the unrestricted traffic in intoxicating liquors. The nature of the proposition herewith presented, is such as to absolve us from the necessity of presenting any considerations or arguments tending to establish the expediency of prohibiting the liquor traffic. We have no data upon which to found the assumption that in practice, the proposition presented would result in such prohibition; the result would be dependent upon the will of the majority of the voters in the local subdivisions named. But it is obvious that the perpetuity or prohibition of the traffic will depend upon the verdict of the people, in whom resides the right to determine the necessity or reasonableness of all prohibitory laws.

And as in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

*Referred to Com. on Miscellaneous Subjects*

Memorial  
Relative to Local  
Option

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Subjects

Thornton  
Asst Secy

Ayers

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Your memorialists beg leave to add further that in their belief the use of spirituous, and intoxicating liquors is in any case whatever wholly unnecessary—that they neither fortify the body against the influences of heat or cold, nor render labor more easy or more productive; and that there are many other articles of diet and drink which are not only perfectly safe and salutary, but in every way superior and preferable to intoxicating liquors for any of the purposes above mentioned.

Your memorialists also believe that it is a grave defect in our present constitution in that it denies to the people of different counties, townships and districts the privilege of fairly determining at the ballot-box whether liquor saloons shall continue to exist in their midst, with their attendant trains of evil and vice, pollution, want and woe.

We are fully convinced that the law passed in March, 1874, and known as the "Local Option Law," was a proper and just law, and one meeting with the general approbation of our people as

was evidenced by the fact that, out of over one hundred elections held under its provisions, the success of Local Option was in the ratio of two and a half to one. We therefore commend it to your consideration.

Your memorialists have beheld with regret the hitherto feeble and ineffectual endeavors put forth to stop or impede this giant evil, and the proportionally barren results which have resulted therefrom.

They center their hopes, therefore, of an effectual remedy in the wisdom and power of your Honorable Body; and in behalf of our common humanity, entreat of you, by all your obligations to protect the lives and comfort of our citizens, and by your regard for our national character and respect for our land in the scale of intelligent and civilized beings to impose such heavy duties on intoxicating liquors, or adopt such other remedial and preventive measures as shall in your sober judgment tend most efficiently to subdue and eradicate these evils.

Therefore, with an honest belief in the justice of our demand, and with a firm reliance in the honor, wisdom and sincerity of your Honorable Body, we humbly crave, at your hands, a prompt and impartial consideration of our request, and if possible an ultimate exemption from this distressing evil.

Thos. Devlin  
J. W. Minner  
S. Myers  
H. J. Devlin  
W. A. Hechtman  
J. W. Ellis  
E. S. Deming  
D. B. Deming  
Austin Wiley  
A. B. Trask  
Ch. Boddy  
T. J. Hunter

D. Leonard  
J. W. McSpie  
Isaac Mines  
Samuel W. Lundy  
John T. Thomson  
Ed. Brown  
J. W. Dodge  
W. C. Trask  
James Light  
J. W. Minner  
E. Spring  
L. Averell  
A. Smith

Sam. Greenwald  
Geo. L. Yocum  
John L. Mitchell  
A. McAskill  
John Bowman  
L. C. Scharbig

# P E T I T I O N

To the Hon. the Constitutional Convention of the State of California:

We, the undersigned, respectfully petition your honorable body to insert in the new Constitution of this State a clause similar to that now in force in the State of Texas, to wit:

SECTION. — The Legislature shall, at its first session, enact a law whereby the qualified voters of any county, voting precinct, town or city, by a majority vote, from time to time, may determine whether the sale of intoxicating liquors shall be prohibited within the prescribed limits.

NAMES OF MALES OF 21 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER.	NAMES OF FEMALES OF 18 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER.	NAMES OF PERSONS UNDER 21 AND OVER 16 YEARS OF AGE.
Mark Anthony		
R. W. Rogers		
A. Rushmore		
J. A. Morrison		
W. C. Morrison		
W. B. Menom		
H. C. Menom		
James H. Murrell		
Robert H. Rogers		237 Chattanooga
James S. Cooper		

I hereby certify that the names attached to the above petition are genuine.

Dated at San Francisco this 26 day of October 1878.

Signed, Robt H Rogers

NAMES OF MALES Of 21 years of age and over.	NAMES OF FEMALES Of 18 years of age and over.	NAMES OF PERSONS Under 21 and over 16 years of age.
Jesse Hobson	E. B. Rodgers	Heathly Chase
J. J. Howard	John Burns	Edua Hobson
W. Whortridge	Wm. Gendrum	
E. H. Bryant	W. A. Kimball	
F. M. Brisset	J. E. Bean	
W. S. Welch	G. W. Ethell	
S. A. Wimer	John J. Colahan	
A. F. Otto	D. M. Smith	
Joseph Badgley	C. H. Morrison	
" J. Bilton	James Kennedy	
" Stephen Doe		
John P. Staples		
Terence Brady		
Frank Mack	Wm. Wimer	
Wm. Wimer		
S. Keenan		

Warren, Oliver  
 Wm. B. Bovel  
 George Ostick  
 A. Underwood  
 G. B. Bauman  
 E. Shull M.D.  
 A. Gregory  
 David Hobson  
 D. W. Lamberson  
 W. E. Ward  
 E. M. Riddings

I hereby certify that the names attached to the above petition are genuine.

Dated at Sunjore, this 7 day of Nov 1878.

Signed, Jesse Hobson

Petition

Nov 12. 1878

Read referred  
to Com on Legislative  
Department

Thomson

Asst Secy

Nov 18. 1878

Reported back with  
recommendation that  
no further action be  
taken

Thomson

Asst Secy

E. O. Smith

# PETITION

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Frank McPhie	Emma Clyde	Edward Clyde
A. McHenry	Isabella Lind	Jennie Clyde
C. O. Lind.	Mrs. C. Deline,	Albert Falor
Wm. E. Falor	C. F. Falor	Frank Falor
Wm. Thomas	Mrs. J. W. Jarvis	E. J. Bagley
M. A. Teal	E. B. Webster	Wm. Berger
Wm. P. Cooper	M. Cooper	Thomas Jarvis
W. A. Light	Anna Scott	E. Truesdell
John. Taylor	Anna Webster	W. Falor
E. B. Scott		Lulu Truesdell
E. C. Keyser,		Mrs. M. C. Sinclair
W. H. Overill		Wm. Truelove
John Hargrave		Mrs. E. Truelove
Ed. L. Ellis		Henry Meyers
W. James		Henry Teal
W. W. Hackett		

I hereby certify that the names attached to the above petition are genuine.

Dated at , this day of 1878.

W. J. Sinclair Signed,



John Alden

B. F. Moore

Isaac Perkins

J. C. May

J. F. Hornum

R. R. Jones

J. C. Walker

G. W. Rice

Chas. Burner

G. W. Nelson

James Johnson

G. A. Riley

J. B. Davis

J. E. Sample

Wm. McKee

Levi Bowman

John Robinson

G. D. Bask

F. Sparker

W. Isaac Fry

J. C. McCreedy

Joseph Curtis

J. B. Curtis  
J. E. Scumple  
Uri McKee  
Levi Brownson  
John Robinson

G. D. Busch  
L. Sparker

W. S. Fry  
J. C. McQuinn  
Joseph Curtis

I hereby certify that the names attached to the above petition are genuine.

Dated at Modesto, this first day of Oct, 1878.

Signed, W. S. Buckner

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Petition Concerning  
Sale of Intoxicating  
Liquors

Oct. 15  
Report to Committee  
on Legislative Department  
Geo. A. Thornton  
Asst. Secy

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Wm. McLean M.D.		Erwin S. Hecker
W. B. Buckner	Mrs C. Stiles	b. Carter
B. V. Drake	H. M. Stiles	
L. F. Mallory	Eda T. Lums	
L. D. Armstrong	L. G. Bonds	
J. D. Maddux	F. G. Oliver	
W. H. Gilleg	M. E. Fraser	
E. A. Post	J. S. Lumb	
Leot. Dickson	M. J. Kett	
H. H. Bailey	J. S. Maddux	
M. W. Garlinghouse	Ellen E. Howard	
Richard Johnson	Lusan Bradley	
E. Bacon	C. P. Harris	
Eda W. W. Odom	Mrs. L. Lutter	
P. D. Stiles		
J. P. Sambaugh		
R. Coats		
B. Coats		
J. R. James		
James P. P. P. P.		
A. V. Bush		
L. P. P.		
H. H. Keining		
O. Maxwell		
W. H. H. H.		
A. H. H.		

We the undersigned Citizens of this place and vicinity, believing it to be in accordance and in harmony with the democratic principles of our Government, would earnestly petition the Constitutional Convention now soon to be in Session for the insertion in the New Organic Act or Constitution the following:

Section - "The Legislature shall, at its first session enact a law whereby the qualified voters of any County, voting precinct, town, or City, by a majority vote, from time to time, may determine whether the sale of intoxicating liquors shall be prohibited within the prescribed limits."

Ceres Stanislaus County State of California  
September 2 1878.

M. Hanscom	E. Hatch
J. J. McLaughlin	R. C. Gilbert
Wm. N. Lee	John Service
J. H. Cross	R. K. Whitmore
C. N. Whitmore	E. H. Chapin
C. M. Stetson	W. B. McMillin
Eus. T. Legler	J. S. Phillips
A. B. Hogg	A. D. Woodbridge
B. B. Hanscom	Richard Whitmore
Thomas C. Blinn	P. W. Cook

Petition of Citizens  
of Stanislaus County  
Concerning Local  
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E. C. Sperry

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R. Kincaid